

NEHEMIAH Chapter 2

BUILT BY GOD – Part 2 – The Plan

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THE PLAN

(2:1) **In the month of Nisan**- *4 months have passed since Month of Chislev – 4 months of prayer-Godward, intercession, confession, petitions*

- 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

- MATTHEW 6:33

Faithful Intercessor

"I took wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before."

Faithful Cupbearer

- 2 CHRONICLES 16:7

ACTS 10 – PETER & CORNELIUS

(2:3) **"when the city, the place of my fathers tombs lies waste and its gates are burned with fire."**

A heart for those in distress & reproach, whose walls & gates (protection & security) were broken down and burned with fire.

WHAT MAKES ME HAVE SORROW OF HEART?

LUKE 19:41-44 – "He saw the city and wept over it,"

JOHN 11:35-37 – "Jesus wept"

(2:4) **so I prayed to the God of Heaven,**

THE PLAN REVEALED

(2:5) **"And I said to the king".....that I may rebuild it"**

(2:6) **"So it please the king to send me"**

Proverbs 16:7 – "When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him."

(2:8) And the king granted them to me **according to the good hand of my God upon me."**

OPPOSITION – EXPECT IT

(2:10) **Sanballet, Tobiah the Ammonite official,.....they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the well being of the children of Israel."**

(2:11) "So I came to Jerusalem" Answered prayer.....

(2:12) "I told no one what my God had put on my heart to do at Jerusalem."
Wisdom – "wise as a serpent and innocent like a dove."

(2:13-15) ASSESSMENT OF THE WALLS AND GATES

(2:17) **Then I said to them**, - only after 4 months of prayer, a faithful witness before the king, a plan and passion to build, wisdom in assessing the damage.

"Come let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may longer be a reproach."

(2:18) "Let us rise up and build"

(2:20) **"So I answered them**, and said to them, The God of heaven Himself will prosper us, therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no inheritance or right or memorial in Jerusalem."